

# House File 710 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 212)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation of the board of medicine, the  
2 board of nursing, the board of pharmacy, and the dental  
3 board.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.11A, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. There shall be a professional licensure division within  
4 the department of public health. Each board under [chapter 147](#)  
5 or under the administrative authority of the department, except  
6 the board of nursing, board of medicine, dental board, and  
7 board of pharmacy, shall receive administrative and clerical  
8 support from the division and may not employ its own support  
9 staff for administrative and clerical duties. The executive  
10 director of the board of nursing, board of medicine, dental  
11 board, and board of pharmacy shall be appointed pursuant to  
12 section 135.11B.

13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135.11B **Appointment of certain**  
14 **executive directors.**

15 1. The director shall appoint and supervise a full-time  
16 executive director for each of the following boards:

- 17 a. The board of medicine.
- 18 b. The board of nursing.
- 19 c. The dental board.
- 20 d. The board of pharmacy.

21 2. Each board listed in subsection 1 shall advise the  
22 director in evaluating potential candidates for the position of  
23 executive director, consult with the director in the hiring of  
24 the executive director, and review and advise the director on  
25 the performance of the executive director in the discharge of  
26 the executive director's duties.

27 Sec. 3. Section 147.80, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 3. The board of medicine, the board of pharmacy, the  
30 dental board, and the board of nursing shall retain individual  
31 executive officers pursuant to section 135.11B, but shall  
32 make every effort to share administrative, clerical, and  
33 investigative staff to the greatest extent possible.

34 Sec. 4. Section 152.2, Code 2019, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

1      152.2    Executive director.

2 The board shall ~~appoint~~ retain a full-time executive  
3 director, who shall be appointed pursuant to section 135B.11.  
4 The executive director shall be a registered nurse ~~and shall~~  
5 ~~not be a member of the board.~~ The governor, with the approval  
6 of the executive council pursuant to section 8A.413, subsection  
7 3, under the pay plan for exempt positions in the executive  
8 branch of government, shall set the salary of the executive  
9 director.

10      Sec. 5. Section 153.33, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

2. All employees needed to administer ~~this chapter~~ except the executive director shall be appointed pursuant to the merit system. The executive director shall ~~serve at the pleasure of the board~~ be appointed pursuant to section 135.11B and shall be exempt from the merit system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

18 EXPLANATION

19           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
20           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill relates to the appointment of the executive  
22 directors of the board of medicine, board of nursing, dental  
23 board, and board of pharmacy. The bill provides that the  
24 director of the department of public health shall appoint  
25 each such executive director. The bill instructs each board  
26 to consult with the director regarding potential candidates  
27 for executive directorships and the performance of current  
28 executive directors.